

Wagons for Bihar

4345. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of wagons required in Zones/divisions covering Bihar during 1990 and 1991; and

(b) number of wagons made available during that period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) and (b). The number of wagons demanded and loaded in Dhanbad, Danapur, Mughalsarai, Malda, Howrah, Asansol, Sonpur, Samastipur, Adra and Chakradharpur divisions, serving the State of Bihar, during 1990 and 1991 are tabulated below:—

	1990		1991	
	Demand	Lading	Demand	Loading
B. C.	3621958	3615168	3692066	3686418
M. C.	40774	40600	58786	58619

[English]

Allotment of Stalls at Railway Stations

4346. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise and zone-wise break up of the stalls sanctioned at various Railway Stations during the last three years;

(b) the number of stalls out of them allotted to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, Physically handicapped and ex-servicemen;

(c) whether any priority is given to the war-widows and riot affected people in such allotments;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-

LIKARJUN): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha

(c) to (e). As per existing policy, catering/vending licences are to be allotted only to professional/reputed caterers. However, in case of small and roadside stations preference is to be given to Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe candidates.

[Translation]

Injections for Leprosy Patients

4347. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Health Research Institute has cautioned in a recently conducted immunity study that injections being used for treatment of leprosy patients should be discontinued; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE